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SUBJECT: MERCURY - STOCKPILE SALES

1. GSA CURRENTLY HAS NO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF 157,400 FLASKS OF MERCURY NOW CONSIDERED SURPLUS TO STOCKPILE REQUIREMENTS. GSA DOES HAVE AVAILABLE 6,148 FLASKS OF MERCURY IN OTHER INVENTORIES FOR WHICH NO CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY NEEDED FOR SALES.
2. GSA IS AWARE OF MERCURY MARKET WEAKNESS AND HAS EXERCISED CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT IN MERCURY DISPOSAL PROGRAM. PROGRAM LIMITATION FOR FY 1973 WAS 6,000 FLASKS BUT GSA SOLD ONLY 1,563 FLASKS.
3. DEPT DOES NOT CONSULT WITH PRODUCER COUNTRIES ON STOCKPILE DISPOSAL PROGRAMS UNTIL AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION ENACTED BY CONGRESS. WHEN LEGISLATION IS PASSED ENABLING GSA DISPOSE OF STOCKPILE SURPLUS MERCURY, DEPT WILL

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CONSULT WITH MAJOR PRODUCING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ALGERIA,

ON SPECIFIC DISPOSAL PROGRAM. RUSH

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